

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Joseph P. Vacanti, Christopher K. Breuer, Beverly E. Chaignaud, and Toshiraru Shin'Oku

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Examiner: D. Isabella

For: *ENGINEERING OF STRONG, PLIABLE TISSUES*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 1, 2000, please consider the following remarks. Submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for response three months, to and including November 1, 2000, along with a check in the amount of \$445.00 to cover the fee, for a small entity.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507.

Remarks

Claims 6-12 are pending. A copy of all of the pending claims as they are believed to have been amended is attached to this Amendment as an appendix.